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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6741

BILL NUMBER: HB 1652

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Marking of Dams with Hazard Warnings.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Austin

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to (1) mark each dam over which the DNR has jurisdiction and supervision with signs and buoys warning the swimming, fishing, and boating public of the hazards posed by the dam; and (2) adopt rules to implement that duty.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DNR has jurisdiction and supervision of about 1,100 dams. Signage would cost \$200 per dam. Marker buoys cost about \$150 a piece with a minimum of 2 buoys needed per dam. Given these figures, total costs for materials to the DNR are estimated to be \$330,000 for buoys and \$220,000 for signage for a total of \$550,000. This estimate does not include installation costs that would be incurred by the DNR.

The DNR would also be required to adopt rules. Adopting rules should be a minimal expense to the DNR.

The DNR reverted about \$3 M in General Fund appropriations in FY 2008.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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